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NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING PROTEINS

WHICH INFLUENCE BONE DEVELOPMENT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended by three (3) months to March 3, 2003, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-indicated application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

On page 16, please replace the paragraph describing Figure 2 with the following:

--Figure 2a-2m

shows a sequence comparison between the human (HS) and murine (MM)

LOBO proteins and the eukaryotic Dis3-homologous and Dis3-type

proteins.--

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